

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004.

The objection to the drawing has been noted and remedied. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

The rejection of claims 3 and 8 under §112 has been noted, together with the indication of allowability of dependent claims 4 and 9.

The applicant has responded to the foregoing by introducing newly presented claim 15, representing allowable claim 4 and newly presented claim 16 representing allowable claim 9. Claims 2 and 5 depend from allowable claim 15 and claims 7 and 10 now depend from allowable claim 16. Therefore, claim 15 and its dependents claims 2 and 5 should be formally allowed. In the same vein, independent claim 16 and its dependent claims 7 and 10 now be formally allowed.

The instant amendment introduces claim 17, which comprises the combination of independent claim 11, with the subject matter of allowable claim 4 and further introduces claim 18, which comprises the combination of independent claim 13 and allowable claim 9.

Dependent claim 12 has now been amended to depend from claim 17, and dependent claim 14 to depend from claim 18.

In incorporating the limitations of claims 3 and 8 in the aforementioned claims, care was taken to overcome the §112 rejection.

Newly presented claim 19 follows virtually verbatim the format and elements of claim 15, except that it is cast in non-“means plus function” claim style. Claim 20 corresponds to claim 16 rendered in non-“means plus function” claim format. Therefore, claims 19 and 20 should also be formally allowed.

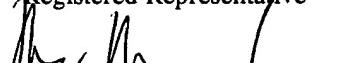
Therefore, all of the claims that are still pending in the application are in condition to be formally allowed.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended and pass this case to issue.

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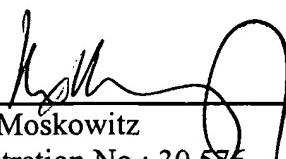


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